

Notes to the Town

The month of June brings extra activity of events to our lives, graduations, beginnings of marriages and construction season! Most of us by now have uncovered and reshaped lawns and gardens, seeing the bounty brought forth by the seasons. We walk the community and truly embrace the scenic vistas LeRoy has to offer.

First and foremost on our minds is the safety of our youth as construction is underway in several areas of our community.

Summit Street Road Sidewalk grant project is planned on being finished up this next week. We continue to receive comments about speeding traffic and damage to safety equipment. All drivers should be aware that the curve at the Town/Village line to Bunnell Park is recommended at 25 miles per hour. Genesee County Sheriffs have been very active in enforcing the speed limit there. At this time recognition of the cooperative actions taken by Town and Village workforce needs to be mentioned. Collectively as a community we have been aggressive in working together to achieve more sidewalk for the grant dollars awarded to the Town. As the work progressed a discovery of gas line remediation was found. Timing was critical. Thankfully, the gas company was walking the town for gas leak detection and answered the need immediately on Summit Street Road. So for an extra few days the job was not completed but it was done right. The community is most appreciative of the patience of the residents who are affected by the granted project. We have received many calls of appreciation for the construction of the sidewalks and we remind people to put that into words to Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt, who made this project a reality.

Randall, West Bergen and Selden Roads' water district construction has begun. Please take note if this is your daily commute route and take necessary precautions traveling the roads or find an alternative route. Safety is our first concern for the work staff and the community. Please be aware.

Road Work by the Town will be very noticeable next week, the following roads will be sealed: Hebbard, Warner, Church, Neid and Cole Road between East Bethany-LeRoy and Bater Roads. Please give our staff a break and slow down in the construction/men working signed areas. Paving on Robbins Road will begin at a later date in the season according to Highway Superintendent Jerry Roth.

Town has been asked by landowners to point out the fact that neighboring residents should not use fields that are farmed as a place for trash, tree trimmings and waste. Many farm fields are seen as vacant unused land; to the contrary, fields of alfalfa need to grow before a cutting takes place. Numerous hours and repair dollars are wasted by farms in repair of equipment due to machines running into residential trash thrown into fields. Superintendent Roth adds, beer bottles on roadsides create an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers in the way of tire repair for the tractor that mows roadsides in our community. Folks, bottom line is that it is at your cost through taxes and a respect issue for yourself and your neighbors.

Trash and waste is accepted Saturdays at the Transfer Station on Circular Hill Road from 9:00 AM rough 3:00 PM. Tree trimming and grass clippings are accepted at no charge. Trash bags of the 33-gallon size bags at one punch on your transfer station punch card. Punch cards are only available at Town Clerk's Office. Punch cards are sold in \$15 and \$30 denomination sizes. No cash is accepted at the Transfer Station as per Town Financial Policy and Personnel Policy. Please plan ahead by purchasing your punch card at Town hall or by mailing in your check and Town Clerk will happily send you a punch card by return mail.

Next month at Transfer Station will be the waste roll-offs. During the entire month of July we will be accepting large over sized items and demolition debris. If you have questions as to an item's acceptance, please call Jerry Roth. Punch cards are used for the roll-off waste also.

Town Clerk also is accepting reservations for the community use of Bunnell Park on Summit Street Road. Pavilion, rest facilities, basketball court and playing fields are all available on a first come first serve basis. There is no fee for the use of the community owned park facility. Trash is treated as a carry in carry out basis. To reserve Bunnell Park call 768-6910 ext. 224, Patty Canfield.

Update on Water District #6 (Route 19 south), lawn reclamation is occurring this week and finish work next week. Hydro seeding of grass will signal the end of the work performed by UTI contractor. As a landowner, if you see an unacceptable situation, please speak up to the work staff as they are in your area. We need to assure complete satisfaction of the landowners prior to releasing the bond of contractor.

Once again our local cemeteries have been the subject of vandalism. Michevous persons damage headstones and the repair is difficult due to stone composition and age. With heavy hearts over the vandalism we seek to repair them. Many times we cannot repair to original, but the respect owed to our past loved ones and friends is deserving of our best effort.

Government groups and community have recognized recent achievements by Town and Town Staff. The Catholic Charities recently honored the Town of LeRoy for the participation in sponsorship of School Intervention Service Program, youth counseling available at LeRoy Jr.-Sr. High School for the past fifteen years. New York State Office of Real Property has awarded Beth Hiscutt, Assessor for LeRoy a Two Star Certificate in Excellence for the second consecutive year. Hiedi Librock, Secretary to the Supervisor completed training on the New York State and Local Retirement System and has been duly recognized. We congratulate our staff in these achievements and recognitions.

The Town of LeRoy has the unique opportunity to sell land that we no longer use but rent to a company who operates in the Town. The company has made a fair offer to purchase the old railroad bed of Lehigh Valley Railroad off Circular Hill Road for \$25,000.00.

Currently the company leases the land on a ten-year basis. Negotiations for renewal of the lease led to this opportunity. As the Town is the landowner, the land is not on the tax roles. School, County, Fire, Library and Town do not collect taxes on this 19.7-acre parcel. The Town initially purchased the rail bed on June 24, 1980 for \$7,356.00 for the base stone which then the highway department then used to rebuild Church Road. The Town has more than recouped the value of the purchase of the land according to Highway Superintendent, Jerry Roth, who agrees with the land sale opportunity. The offer creates a win-win for the taxpayers of LeRoy in several ways. First is the reduction in risk as the Town being a landowner. Secondly is the opportunity to place back on the tax roles a parcel at the purchase price of \$25,000.00 for the Town, County, Fire, School and Library taxing agencies. Thirdly, the nine local jobs will not be impacted. The public has an opportunity to comment on the land sale supported by the Town Board in a thirty-day time frame. There will be a permissive referendum published in the legal section of The Daily News. The public may halt this land sale by petition.

Genesee County Health Department is offering a Free Rabies Clinic on June 17th at the DPW building, 58 North Street, LeRoy, NY from 1:30pm – 4:30 PM. All animals must be accompanied by someone who can control it. Animal Vaccinations are free to Genesee County Residents. A voluntary \$5.00 donation per animal is requested to offset clinic expenses. Non-County residents must pay mandatory \$5.00 fee per animal immunized.

The community is readying for the Oatka Festival on July 17 & 18th.

Next regularly scheduled Town Board meetings are June 24th and July 8th. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and courtesy of a phone call the week before the meeting is requested by the Town Board to be placed on agenda. Please join us.

Sincerely,

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